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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, September 17, 2012, at 2 p.m.

House of Representatives

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2012

The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BISHOP of Utah).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
September 14, 2012.

I hereby appoint the Honorable ROB BISHOP to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

JOHN A. BOEHNER,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

Monsignor Stephen Rossetti, associate professor, the Catholic University of America, Washington, DC, offered the following prayer:

Good and gracious God, today more than ever, we are aware that we are small, that we are made of the Earth, and that we are mortal. In our weakness, may You be our shield. In our humility, may You be our strength. In our mortality, may You be our source of eternal life. May people of every party and nation unite together in their human frailty. May they proclaim with one voice and one heart that we are one people united in serving You and in loving our brothers and sisters. Our prayer today is small. Our voice is weak. We trust that You incline Your ear and You will hear this simple prayer. We thank You.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Rhode Island (Mr. CICILLINE) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. CICILLINE led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to five requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

PRESIDENT'S LACK OF LEADERSHIP IS ENDANGERING AMERICAN FAMILIES

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, the 11th anniversary of September 11, 2001, there was a cowardly, murderous terrorist attack

at the American consulate in Benghazi, Libya. Our Embassy was breached in Cairo, Egypt, with the American flag being desecrated.

Unfortunately, the President's failed leadership has led to weakness, reducing the Army to the smallest size since 1939, reducing the Navy to the smallest fleet since 1916, and reducing the Air Force to the smallest size since it was created. This endangers our national security and puts American families and our allies at risk. Additionally, the President supports sequestration and has done nothing to halt the defense budget cuts which will limit the capabilities of our Armed Forces while destroying hundreds of thousands of jobs.

American families deserve better. To continue to promote democracy and peace, we must implement President Ronald Reagan's approach of providing peace through strength. The bias of the coordinated disinformation of the liberal media is a disgrace to journalism.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September 11th in the global war on terrorism.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(Mr. CICILLINE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CICILLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to implore my colleagues on the other side of the aisle to put aside politics and get to work on behalf of the American people.

Just 61 bills have been signed into law this year, the fewest in more than 60 years. There have been two noted

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